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AFA FACES MARKET PROBLEM WITH DEEP CONCERN

PRICES STABILITY IN FARM PRODUCTS AIM OF DELEGATES

George Church and Hugh Allen
Report to Federation on
Ottawa Conference

"CLOSE \$300 MILLION GAP"

Urges Allen — Church Warns
"Farmer May Get Short
End of Stick"

Meeting in the wake of the Dominion - Provincial Agricultural Conference, at which the serious situation created in important branches of farm production by the cessation or curtailment of British buying was disclosed, the Annual Meeting of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture faced the marketing problems of the coming year with a sense of deep concern. The delegates made several strongly worded recommendations, designed to promote stability of prices for farm products both in the present period and in the future.

Wire Calls for Floor Prices for Eggs and Bacon

In view of the fact that eggs have been taking a heavy beating on the markets and of the serious decline in hog prices, the delegates sent a wire to the Dominion Government at Ottawa in the following terms:

"Whereas the farmers were the last to receive an increase as a reward for their services during the war increases; and

"Whereas the prices of agricultural products were held down during the war years through the Government's war policy; and

"Whereas it is not reasonable to expect the farmers to be the first to receive ruinously low prices;

"Therefore, be it resolved that the Annual Conference of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture requests the Dominion Government to immediately announce floor prices through the Agricultural Prices Support Board on eggs and bacon."

Report From Ottawa Conference

George E. Church, Director from the A.F.A. on the Board of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, and Hugh Allen, President of the Alberta Livestock Pool, both of whom attended the Conference, which was held in Ottawa, gave reports on the proceedings. Mr. Church is President of the U.F.A. Co-operative and Mr. Allen is a Director of United Grain Growers.

Mr. Church stated that Hon. J. G. (Continued on Page 6)

Delegates of C.F.A. Attend Agricultural Conference



Given the same status as Provincial Ministers and Deputy Ministers of Agriculture, delegates from the Canadian Federation of Agriculture have for some years past attended the annual Dominion-Provincial Agricultural Conference at Ottawa. For some years the C.F.A. has been represented by its Executive Committee. This year delegates actively participated in discussions. H. H. Hannam, President, led the discussion on the domestic situation in Agriculture, and gave his annual address to the Conference just before the concluding address of Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Dominion Minister.

Absent when the above picture of delegates was taken were George E. Church, Board member from Alberta, who had to return before the sessions were over to attend the Annual Meeting of the A.F.A. in Edmonton, and L. F. Burrows, Canadian Horticultural Council, Ottawa. Hugh Allen, who attended the Conference for the National Hog Committee, also returned for the A.F.A. meeting.

Front row, left to right — R. W. Morrison, President, Ontario Federation of Agriculture; Alex Mercer, Manager, Fraser Valley Milk Producers, Vancouver; Gilbert Mac-Millan, President, Dairy Farmers of Canada; R. Martin, Secretary, Co-operative Federee de Quebec, Montreal; E. A. Power, President, Maritime Federation of Agriculture, River Glade, N.B.; W. J. Parker, President, Manitoba Pool Elevators, Winnipeg; H. H. Hannam, President, Canadian Federation of Agriculture, Ottawa.

Back row, left to right — J. H. Wesson, President, Saskatchewan Co-operative Producers, Regina; C. G. Groff, Secretary, Canadian Federation of Agriculture, Ottawa; R. C. Brown, Vice-President, United Grain Growers, Winnipeg; J. A. Marion, President, L'Union Catholique des Cultivateurs de Quebec, Montreal; George Robertson, Secretary, Saskatchewan Co-operative Producers, Regina; Dr. E. C. Hope, Economist, Canadian Federation of Agriculture, Ottawa.

Want \$36 Level Held for Balance Crop Year

At a meeting which officers of the Farmers' Union of Alberta were expecting to arrange with Hon. J. G. Gardiner as this issue went to press, views of the Union on the hog price situation were to be laid before him, according to word received from Secretary R. J. Boutillier.

A wire to President Hannam of the C.F.A. previously sent, on the basis of unofficial reports of the new British contract, contained the view which it is understood will be presented to the Minister. The wire set forth: "Hog Prices Edmonton \$23.50 Grade A. New floor price hogs means loss \$4 per head hogs fed at present basis feed costs. This means drastic curtailment of production, which will soon result in shortage of bacon for Canadian use. We urge maintenance of floor price of \$36 for balance of crop year as only solution."

OTTAWA, Jan. 3rd.—"Extreme disappointment" at the terms of the new bacon contract was expressed by President Hannam here. Mr. Hannam and

British Bacon Contract 29 Cents — Subsidy 3.5c Will Be Ended July 1st

OTTAWA, Jan. 3rd. — A new bacon contract with the United Kingdom, for the sale of 60,000,000 pounds this year, at 29 cents a pound, was announced today by Rt. Hon. J. G. Gardiner. The new price is 7 cents a pound lower than the 1949 contract, and it is 3.5 cents below the floor price set some two weeks ago, so that the Government will spend some \$2,100,000 in making up the difference. It is expected that the bacon will be purchased during the first six months of the year; the subsidy will be discontinued, said Mr. Gardiner, at July 1st, and after that existing export controls on pork and pork products may be removed.

the Federation have brought constant pressure to bear in the hope of a better deal for the producers from the Canadian Government.

Cheese Contract to Be Arranged Later, Maybe This Month

Government Wants Farmers to Maintain 'Know How' From British Bacon Angle

By M. McDOUGALL, Press Gallery (Special to The Western Farm Leader)
OTTAWA, Jan. 4th.—Since the Agricultural Conference, the remaining undetermined contracts with Great Britain have been taking more concrete shape. This, of course, is particularly true of the bacon agreement.

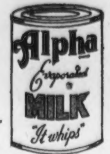
The cheese contract will be a later arrangement. There is no particular hurry, it is felt, about concluding the contract as cheese making in Canada gains momentum about May, and only then will the surplus become unwieldy. There is some surplus in stock now — it is reported to be about 19 million pounds — and will doubtless grow to some extent. There is, however, the possibility of the contract being fixed up some time in January. The volume

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Central Alberta Dairy Pool Section

SLOGAN FOR TODAY: "Test and Weigh and Keep the Cows That Pay"



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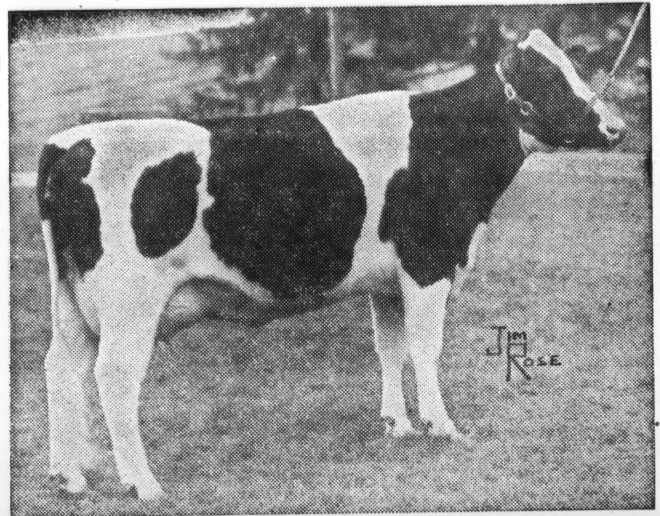
AS we write this article, the calendar says Tuesday, December 20th. Inasmuch as we are living in rather fast moving times, we thought perhaps it might be of interest to put the dating on this article in case it is outdated by the time it appears in print.

In September this year our Management reported on our page on production and marketing trends. This article, as you recall, clearly indicated that there was a situation on eggs that could become serious. The same to a lesser degree applied on poultry and also included milk for practically every use.

Have Been Doing All Possible

While it seems that we lean rather heavily on our Government, and that is natural because they have, up to this time, the contracts carried over from the war years, and of course they have the funds to successfully carry out any program they undertake—nevertheless, while your organization is not in the position of a Government, they have been doing everything possible to meet the rather critical situation that has arisen in the agricultural products that our Dairy Pool is particularly interested in, namely: eggs, poultry

World Champion Holstein in Junior Class



Rag Apple Carnation Ida, a purebred Holstein owned by David R. Stevens, St. Mary's, Ont., is the new World Champion for butterfat production in the Junior two-year-old class of the yearly division on three-times-a-day milking. She replaces the U.S. Holstein Mendocino Annette Star with 969 lbs. fat. "Ida" had 18 official tests, the lowest of which was an even 4.00 per cent, while the remaining 17 ran from 4.5 to 5.4 per cent butterfat.

try and milk for different uses.

Eggs, at the moment, are in the limelight and therefore this article will deal principally with that agricultural production.

Presentation at Ottawa

It has been realized for some time that we have to find a home for approximately 30,000,000 to 40,000,000 dozen eggs. It sounds like a lot of eggs but actually it isn't; it only represents approximately ten per cent of the total Canadian production. Having knowledge that the British contract might not be renewed for the 1950-51 period, our organization took its proper part in the presentation of a submission to Ottawa in February of this year.

At that time the Government was petitioned as to the seriousness of the impending situation, and a remedy was suggested. The Government took no action other than to bring forward what is commonly known as Bill 82. This Bill is enabling legislation which would permit the Provinces to set up their own Provincial Marketing Boards and a Central Selling Agency to market surpluses. Our own organization felt that any remedy under Bill 82 would be too late for the next egg crop year, and again pressed the Government in different ways for a better solution.

Pressed Both Governments for Action

Later this year, through the offices of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, the whole problem was again reviewed and a submission on it made to our Provincial Government by the Alberta Federation of Agriculture and the Farmers' Union of Alberta. It appears that up to the present time our Provincial Government is not too sympathetic to the suggestion in this submission. Further than the above, our organization by

its connections both Provincial and Canadian Inter-Provincial basis, did everything in its power to press the Government that something would have to be done if we were to keep egg prices at what was considered reasonable value basis, namely, A Grade eggs between 35c and 38c per dozen.

Fight Will Continue

The fight for a fair deal on eggs, as well as a satisfactory arrangement for cheese, butter and poultry, will continue. Our organization has no intention

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Don't Talk Depression !!

The immediate future will bring its problems — many of them, that's for sure, but . . .

We as co-operators can do a lot to help solve our own problems.

For instance —

If our 10,000 members would ask for and insist on getting their own products:

ALPHA MILK

ALPHA BUTTER

ALPHA CHEDDAR CHEESE

in their favorite store and ask their friends to do the same, the problem of overproduction as far as your plants are concerned would give us no concern.

Central Alberta Dairy Pool

Tribute Is Paid to Loyal Pool Members

(From *The Budget*, issued by Alberta Wheat Pool)

Life knows no greater virtue than loyalty. Upon that human attribute every noble institution is built. With it we can have rich friendships, happy homes, peaceful and co-operative people. Without loyalty there is no foundation for character.

With this thought in mind, tribute is herewith paid to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Vandervelde of Dalemead. Mr. Vandervelde joined the Alberta Wheat



MR. and MRS. A. VANDERVELDE

Pool in August, 1923, when the organization drive was under way, his number being 23,535. Since that time he has delivered all the grain he has produced, with the exception of a small bushelage sold locally for seed and feed, to the Alberta Wheat Pool. From 1923 until 1926 there was no Pool Elevator in Dalemead, so Mr. Vandervelde had his grain consigned to the Alberta Wheat Pool. Since 1926 he has not only delivered all his grain through the Pool Elevator there, but during later years when he rented land to tenants he stipulated that they also should deliver his share in a like manner. His tenants have all become Pool members, obtaining the necessary reserves from Mr. Vandervelde.

In 1944 Mrs. Vandervelde purchased 960 acres of farm land and joined the Alberta Wheat Pool on March 20, 1945. She also arranged that her tenant deliver at least her share of all grain to the Alberta Wheat Pool Elevator, and was instrumental in having her present tenant become a Pool member.

Wesson Miller, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Vandervelde, is following the family tradition, having joined the Wheat Pool on February 17, 1944, and since August 1, 1943, has delivered all his own grain and that of his four different landlords (all Pool members) to the Pool Elevators. This season Mr. Miller is farming 1,760 acres of land, 760 of which were seeded to wheat.

The Alberta Wheat Pool offers its thanks and congratulations to the Vandervelde family for this honorable record. There are many more families throughout Alberta who have given similar loyalty to this farmer-owned co-operative. These people are the salt of the earth and the foundation of the farm co-operative movement.

ONTARIO CO-OP HAS GOOD YEAR

TORONTO, Ont. — Sales volume in excess of \$45,000,000 in the fiscal year ending September 30th last was reported to the annual meeting of United Co-operatives of Ontario, held in this city recently. This represented a gain over the previous year of \$7,000,000. Net earnings during the latter period stood at \$322,000.

GOLD PRODUCTION

Canadian production of gold in September last was 364,301 fine ounces — the highest monthly figure since November, 1942.

C.N.R. Settlement Head



Graduate in Agriculture of the University of Manitoba, and since 1927 in the service of the Canadian National Railways, F. B. Kirkwood (above) has been made Superintendent of Settlement for the system. His former position as Manager of Land Settlement, at St. Paul, Minn., has been taken by C. D. James, formerly Chief Clerk.

A.F.A. NOTES

By JAMES R. McFALL, Secretary
Federation Annual Meeting—As you know, an Annual Meeting has three main functions. They are, first to review the activities of the year to see if your Directors and Staff have carried out the policies of the organization; second, to formulate policy for the ensuing year, and third, to elect your Board of Directors to carry out these policies.

With regard to the Federation's activities for the past year we feel confident that a good job has been done and that more has been accomplished than in any previous year. We won't attempt to outline the achievements at this time as they have been reported on from time to time in this column. Further, they are set out in some detail in the Annual Report presented to the meeting. Copies of this report will be mailed on request by the Federation office, that is, as long as the supply lasts.

Policies Set Forth

In setting out policy for the coming year the meeting passed resolutions asking for:

(1) The establishment of support prices for bacon and eggs.

(2) Legislation to be extended past August, 1950, which would enable the Wheat Board to continue as the sole marketing agency for wheat, oats and barley.

(3) In view of the fact that wheat has been used during war years to keep down the cost of living in Canada, the meeting asked that the final payment for wheat in the five-year pool be not less than \$2.00 per bushel.

(4) In the educational field, the meeting went on record as being in favor of Federal aid for education and also asked the Provincial Government to increase grants for education.

(5) The work of the Federation in attempting to set up a poultry marketing scheme was endorsed, and the Directors were instructed to continue to work toward this objective. With regard to egg marketing, the meeting asked for a change in the grading system for eggs coming out of storage.

(6) The question of coyote control came in for considerable discussion and a resolution urging the extensive use of poison known as 1080 be undertaken; also that the bounty for coyotes be continued at \$3.00 and for wolves at \$25.00.

(7) The meeting reaffirmed its stand of previous years with regard to favoring the development of rural electrifi-

All-out Aid for Asiatic Co-ops Is Called For

OTTAWA (CUC). — Governments should give all-out aid to Asiatic co-operatives as "one of the most effective instruments for improving the social and economic conditions of the people."

That, in general, was the conclusion reached by a technical meeting on co-operatives in Asia and the Far East, sponsored recently by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations at Lucknow, India. Present were representatives of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers, the International Co-operative Alliance, and other co-op groups.

cation under public ownership.

(8) The Delegates also supported the establishment of public liability and property damage insurance at cost to be issued with each car or truck license.

Board of Directors

The new Board of Directors for 1950 follows: E. H. Keith, Sexsmith, Grain; Hugh W. Allen, Hualien, Livestock; Roy C. Marler, Bremner, Dairy; K. V. Kapler, Strome, Poultry; Donald MacLeod, Lake Isle, Sheep and Wool; George E. Church, Balzac, Farm Supplies; Phil Baker, Lethbridge, Sugar Beets and Vegetables; Carl Stimpfle, Edmonton, Farmers' Union of Alberta; Mrs. R. B. Gunn, Lloydminster, F.U.A.; Mrs. M. E. Lowe, St. Albert, F.U.A.; George Tindall, Jr., Fabyan, F.U.A.; A. R. Hadland, Baldonnel, F.U.A.; J. L. McIntosh, Dimsdale, F.U.A.

The Board elected Mr. Marler as Chairman and Mr. Church and Mr. Kapler as First and Second Vice-Chairmen respectively.

The Alberta Directors on the C.F.A. Board will be Mr. Marler, Mr. Church and Mr. Keith.

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All Time High
REGINA, Sask. (CUC). — Total assets of credit unions in Saskatchewan reached an all-time high of \$10,736,256 last fall, according to an official report just issued.

British exports (on the basis of valuation at 1938 currency levels) rose in November to a point 62 per cent above the 1938 figure for the same month.

New Year's Resolution

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NINE YEARS' PROGRESS

Concluding nine years of effective effort in the consolidation of the forces of the organized farmers in this Province, the Alberta Federation of Agriculture met in Annual Meeting shortly before the holidays.

It was a businesslike gathering. The reports presented by President Marler, the Directors and Secretary-Treasurer McFall disclosed the very wide field of activities in which the Federation has rendered service to the farm community during the past year. It is an influential body, which has grown in strength as the years have passed, and it forms an essential link with the Canadian Federation of Agriculture. Through the C.F.A., it is a factor in the development of policy by the International Federation of Agricultural Producers, which has come to grips with the problems of world economics that bear so vitally (as current events in the field of export markets bear witness) upon our own special problems.

As George Pelletier of Pincher Creek took occasion to emphasize, with the general agreement, we believe, of the delegates attending the meeting, the Federation is giving service today to the limit of the financial means that are available to it. The possibilities of useful expansion are wide, given adequate resources; and we hope that during the coming year further resources will be provided.

"For the proper conception of the Federation to get through to the farm community of the Province," President Marler pointed out, "some expansion is necessary."

The success of an annual meeting is dependent in considerable measure upon good staff work — secretarial work which must be efficient — both before the delegates come together and throughout the sessions. The Federation meeting provided evidence of efficient staff work throughout.

"SHORT END"

In the "readjustments" which came as the aftermath of the First World War, the farmers, to use George Church's words, "took the short end of the stick."

Today there are numerous signs that the farmers may have a similar experience, unless, through the strength of the organizations they are willing to build up, the current tendency can be arrested. While the prices of many industrial commodities and public services continue to rise, eggs and bacon are already providing a foretaste of what may come.

We believe that every one of the chosen representatives of the farm people, in their primary membership organization, the F.U.A., in the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, and in the Canadian Federation of Agriculture whose responsibilities at this time lie so largely at Ottawa, is anxious to bring full pressure to bear to ensure the maintenance of a proper balance in the national economy. To perform that difficult task they need behind them the

SPECULATION

We wonder what awaits us in this year
Within whose portals yesterday we passed;
What headlines shall assail the eye and ear,
What dreams shall perish and what hopes hold fast.

The building blocks of destiny are strewn
Through all the troubled world's far-flung lands,
And while the nations each defend their own
The master-builders stand with idle hands.

On this year's pages, waiting to be filled,
Will time record withdrawal from the brink
Where man now hovers; will our fears be stilled
By forthright words, inscribed in fadeless ink,
Proclaiming each to all, and all to each,
That peace at last has come within our reach?

—ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

full strength of the Canadian farm community,
East and West.

NARROWING GAP WOULD HELP

Hon. J. G. Gardiner is of the opinion that even if the customs duties levied on British goods entering Canada were completely wiped out, the gap between Canadian exports to Britain and Canadian imports from Britain could not be closed.

That might well be so. But it nevertheless remains true that any effective measure to make the gap narrower would be beneficial to Canadian exporters of primary farm products. If the tariff against British goods were lowered substantially, can it be doubted that importing of British goods would be stimulated, and Britain's ability to acquire Canadian dollars for the purchase of foodstuffs correspondingly enhanced? And would not that enhancement of Britain's power to buy pay off in a healthier Canadian agricultural economy?

H. H. HANNAM MAKES SUGGESTION

Addressing the recent Dominion-Provincial Agricultural Conference, President Hannam of the C.F.A. asked that consideration be given to the possibility of working out "some program of supplying what Britain needs on a half-loan basis." He suggested that such a program might prove beneficial both to Canada and to Britain.

"If it is not desirable from a British point of view," he admitted, "of course, then it is not worth raising." Yet no such plan had been considered. "I am wondering," he added, "if it shouldn't be."

Mr. Hannam pointed out that "during the war years and the years after the war, we enjoyed a high level of prosperity. A good deal of what we marketed was marketed not according to a straight trading policy. A great deal of it was not paid for. The United States is even now engaged on a vast program of this nature. She is following this program because it is in her own interest. It assures a stability, not only abroad, but in the domestic economy at home."

Significance of Agricultural Conference

By M. McDOUGALL

Press Gallery, Ottawa

OTTAWA, Jan. 3rd. — The December Agricultural Conference here in Ottawa is fading into history, and yet to me as an observer there remains an abiding sense of it having been very much worth while, of the good humor, experience and genuine sagacity of so many of the delegates whether they came from British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario or the new Province of Newfoundland, and of the general awareness that the agricultural economy of this country has become a national

Each Had Special Problem

Each Minister or Deputy Minister or other delegate from the various Provinces had his special problem to lay before his fellow Canadians, and some of these problems were genuinely serious. We heard of the apples of the Annapolis Valley, Nova Scotia, which had been sold for over a century to Great Britain, and for which there was now no sale to the Old Country, even though freights were cheap because ships could dock at the very edge of some orchards and "you could just throw the apples on board," and of the renovation and grafting of new types in the orchards.

Then a very forceful speaker from another Maritime Province told of the vast potato crop of New Brunswick, the leading potatoes of the world (for which a Minister from Prince Edward Island took him good humoredly to task, saying "except those of the Island, which everyone knows are unequalled in the world"), and urged the support of the Government through its price support legislation. For us, he said, the potato is as important as wheat to the prairie farmer.

Tribute From Newfoundland

No greater tribute could have been given to the work of the Conference than that of the Minister of Resources of Newfoundland, who expressed his genuine pleasure over what the other members of the family had told him. With that accent that is now familiar in Ottawa, he spoke of the thin soil of his native Province. "The farms are small but we are very closely attached to our farming industry," he said, "and are determined to develop it." He spoke with pride of the hardy island folk and also mentioned with considerable pride the great newsprint industry, with its largest mill in the world, and the great potential resources of both Newfoundland and Labrador. He was greeted at the close with prolonged applause. He was not indeed alone in mentioning resources other than agriculture, the representative of Alberta speaking with considerable satisfaction of the almost revolutionary development of the oil industry.

Canadian Farmers' Horizons Widened

It was quite evident, indeed, that not only is agriculture in Canada a national industry, but that the horizons of the Canadian farmer are international. He may in the past have taken it for granted that the grain ripening in his fields would — a large part of it at least — be shipped to Great Britain, by some means or other, but that was not his affair. It was for the grain companies to arrange matters of that kind. It was the seed-

ing, the sun and the rain and the gathering of the harvest that occupied his mind, but times have changed.

Selling may be done by the Wheat Board; but the farmer knows that the sale of the products of his field has a direct relationship to the balance of international trade, that the British consumer of bread may not in the future be able to pay for bread made from Canadian flour unless he has the dollars to pay for it, and those dollars can only come if Canadians import more British goods.

Theme of Serious Messages

That, indeed, was the theme of the serious passages of many speeches at the Conference. The farmer is no longer a semi-secluded individual, but has to take his stand in the forefront of international commerce. He is concerned with the raising of the standards of living of the under-developed races of mankind, with the plans that FAO is forming and beginning to put into effect for the spread of technical improvements, and he shares in the feeling of frustration over the difficulties faced by this great humanitarian organization. The farmer feels, as he never did so fully before, that the produce of Canadian farms in the future may play a very important part in the feeding of the hungry people of the world.

Shadows Over Conference

The shadows overhanging the Conference were the uncertainties about the British contracts and about trade and prices during the coming year, in particular what may happen in the United States. The need of strong support of prices was a theme of the speech of H. H. Hannam, head of C.F.A., who it is only right and fair to say has obviously gained and holds a position of authority in the agricultural counsels of the nation. His words were listened to with the closest attention. When he urged Sir Andrew Jones to see that the British exporter make greater efforts to study the needs of the Canadian market and produce the goods suited to this country, the head of the British Food Mission nodded in agreement.

According to custom, Jimmy Gardiner kept the news of the contracts with Britain to his concluding speech to the Conference. Though he is "little of stature" he possesses a dominating personality, and the representative of Quebec got a general laugh when he prefaced a remark with the words "far be it from me to offer advice to God or to his right hand man..."

Credit on Both Sides

Sir Andrew Jones feels that Mr. Gardiner did not lay sufficient stress on the dollar crisis, which is the salient deterring factor in the British ability to buy from Canada on the former scale. This may be quite true, but if Gardiner used expressions concerning his negotiations with Sir Andrew that had to be softened or explained later, there is no doubt that, faced with the insurmountable barrier of the dollar shortage, these men served their countries and the common interests in a way that reflects credit on both of them. This is a sincere conviction. I happened to run into Sir Andrew on a train shortly after the Conference, and he spoke highly of Gardiner, who he said was his very good friend. These things are important, because these distressing times are, it is hoped, a

National Control Board Plan for Eggs Urged

Endorsement of "the program now under way to institute an orderly marketing system for egg products on a national scale" was expressed unanimously by the delegates to the Annual Meeting of the A.F.A.

The scheme proposed would operate under Provincial and Dominion legislation, and would be designed to undertake "the marketing of Canada's potential surplus to the ultimate advantage of both producer and consumer."

The Federation pointed out that "the possible absence of further United Kingdom contracts for this surplus could result in a serious depression of prices and calamity conditions throughout the industry."

In presenting the report for the Poultry and Egg section, J. H. Rhodes pointed out that in July at Ottawa the position of the industry was reviewed by nine Provinces and the Dominion authorities and the Poultry Committee and C.F.A. sitting together. This was the first time such a gathering had been held. As a result, there was hope that by the Provinces complementing Dominion legislation, a Control Board could be set up. Mr. Rhodes pointed out that for the past year, prior to the drop caused by the announcement that there would be no British contract, producers had enjoyed the best prices they had ever had in Alberta.

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Ask Larger Grants

Increased Provincial grants to municipal districts to cover part of the rising costs of local government were asked by the F.U.A. Convention. More support was also requested in meeting the financial burden of municipal road construction, it being pointed out that car and truck owners have paid to the Province approximately \$20 million "which has never been applied on road building." The A.F.A. Convention endorsed the resolution, and added a clause asking the Government to discontinue the tax on tractor gasoline.

As we greet the mid-point in the fast-moving Twentieth Century, let us pause and heed the significance . . . to reflect upon the fifty momentous years that have just passed, and the events that have made them so.

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OTTAWA, Ont. — Gross revenues of the Canadian National Railways for 1949 are estimated at the record high figure of \$499 millions. Operating expenses will be about \$480 millions, leaving a surplus of some \$19 millions. However, fixed charges, including interest on securities held by the public and owing to the Government, will turn this surplus into a deficit of \$45 millions. R. C. Vaughan, Chairman and President, in his annual review issued recently, points out that "the fixed charges against the system are top heavy, because it has had to assume, without mitigation, the debts of bankrupt predecessor companies." Thus the failure of privately owned enterprises hang like a millstone around the neck of the publicly owned system.

Ask Board Continue Sole Agency, Wheat and Coarse Grains

**A.F.A. Requests Final Payment
at Least \$2 on 5-Year
Wheat Pool**

Continuation of the Canadian Wheat Board as the sole marketing agency for wheat was called for in a resolution adopted by the Alberta Federation of Agriculture in annual meeting in Edmonton.

The resolution, sponsored by the Alberta Wheat Pool, pointed out that the provisions of the Wheat Board Act of 1935, as amended in 1946, under which power to act as sole agency was vested in the Board, will be deemed repealed on and after August 1st, 1950, unless they are extended by action of the Dominion Government.

Coarse Grains Also

The delegates also urged the Dominion Government to extend the powers granted to the Canadian Wheat Board to act as sole marketing agency for coarse grains. These powers were granted under Bill 135 for one year only, and will expire, unless renewed, on July 31st, 1950.

The Dominion Government was asked to make a final payment on the five-year pool at the rate of at least \$2 per bushel. It was set forth that in support of such payment, "the wheat growers of Canada have made unwarranted contributions to the economy of Canada by supplying wheat for domestic consumption at very low prices during the war and post-war years."

In view of the fact that conditions in a large part of the North-central area of the Province have rendered much of this year's crop unsuitable for seed, the Wheat Board was asked by the delegates to provide that stocks of wheat, oats and barley, suitable for seed, shall be held in country elevators in this area until seed requirements have been ascertained.

J. E. Birdsall, Supervisor of Crop Improvement for the Alberta Department of Agriculture, outlined to the dele-

Britain Buys From Us About Three Times as Much as She Sells Us

Official figures issued by the United Kingdom Information Office at Ottawa show that Canada's imports from the United Kingdom are about one-third as valuable as her exports to that country.

During 1948 U.K. imports from Canada totalled £18.6 million, and her exports to Canada £6.1 million. In 1949, prior to the devaluation of sterling, the comparative figures were as follows, "imports" in each instance meaning U.K. imports from Canada, and "exports" meaning U.K. exports to Canada: First quarter, imports £15.1 million, exports £6.5 million; second quarter, imports £17.2 million, exports £6.7 million; July, imports £22.4 million, exports £6.8 million; August, imports £20.9 million, exports £5.9 million; later figures re imports are not yet available, but export totals were £5.3 for September and £6.4 for October. The export totals include from £0.1 to £0.2 of re-exports.

gates the steps which the Province has taken with a view to ensuring a sufficient seed supply at all points. He urged all growers to provide for their seed requirements early, in view of the danger of dislocation of supplies, through their being shipped out from areas where they will be needed when seeding begins.

Ask Seed Needs Survey

The meeting requested the Alberta Department of Agriculture, in co-operation with councils of municipal districts and farm organizations, to make an immediate survey of seed requirements and available supplies, and to "make such arrangements as may be possible with the Canadian Wheat Board to see that necessary quantities of suitable seed are available." The delegates also asked their officers to "give consideration to having established a long-time seed grain policy for Alberta."

Hog numbers in Denmark are now approaching the pre-war level. In November they were 163 per cent of the figure for November, 1948.

A.F.A. CONVENTION

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Gardiner had intimated that the United Kingdom market might be virtually closed to Canada if the United States should continue its present policy with respect to surplus farm products. The use of Marshall Aid funds for the purchase of any Canadian farm product is now denied if the U.S. product in a similar category is declared to be surplus.

Mr. Church was of the opinion that it would be necessary to return to the International Commodity Clearing House Plan which the U.S. had vetoed, as one means of promoting exports to countries which lack buying power in terms of dollars. He did not believe that producers in Canada had the right to expect agricultural producers to lower their prices, since consumer purchasing power had never been higher than today.

"Short End of Stick"

Unless effective action were taken to solve present marketing difficulties, "the farmers are going to take the short end of the stick as they did after the first war," said Mr. Church.

To suggestions made at the Conference, that the Canadian tariff should be lowered in order to stimulate imports of British goods, Mr. Gardiner had replied that, if all customs duties were removed, our trade with the United Kingdom still could not be balanced.

Sir Andrew Jones, head of the British Food Mission in Canada, had declared that if Canada's purchases of British

Would Seek Trade on Any Basis to Ensure Market for Exports

**Use Soft or Hard Currency,
Barter or Credit Basis,
Urges A.F.A.**

Pointing out that "the restriction of Canadian exports to the hard currency or dollar basis has greatly curtailed Canada's field of export," the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, in annual meeting in Edmonton, by unanimous vote, called upon the Dominion Government to "seek trade with any country willing to do so on a soft currency, hard currency, barter or credit basis." The resolution had previously been adopted by the Annual Convention of the Farmers' Union of Alberta.

Exports Reduced Though Demand Great

The resolution set forth that "hard currency is controlled by the United States, thus making our exports dependent on U.S. policies"; and stated that this "has already drastically reduced Canadian exports although there is still a great demand for our produce throughout the world." It was further indicated that "leading economists of Canada and the United States forecast a drastic economic recession this fall unless this trade restriction is overcome."

In moving the resolution, J. M. Wheatley of Chancellor said that if Canadian agriculture were dragged down by reason of the dollar shortage among those who desired our products, practically every other country would also suffer economically. There was no reason why we should not be able to export our products if we would take goods in exchange. The whole population of Canada should share any financial load that might have to be carried in ensuring the carrying out of policies which would ensure the delivery of our exports to those who desired and needed them. R. Garneau spoke in strong support of the resolution.

goods could be raised from the present total of \$24 per capita per annum to \$54, Britain would absorb all Canada's food surpluses.

It was "up to" the farm organizations, said Mr. Church, to do all they could to persuade our Government to work out international commodity agreements to the limit of its powers. Planning, to be fully effective, must be on an international basis, Mr. Church believed. He did not think our Canadian Government could alone work out a complete solution of the problem of export markets for farm products.

Should Close \$300,000,000 Gap

Discussing various features of the Ottawa Conference, Hugh Allen said that the gap between what Britain buys from us and what we buy from Britain is at least \$300,000,000. Surely it would be worth while, from the standpoint of the interest of Canada as a whole, to devise financial means of closing that gap, he urged. Mr. Allen said he did not think anyone would suggest that the whole structure of Canadian industry would be undermined if this were done. On the other hand, the measure of stability which would be given to agriculture would be to the benefit of the total Canadian economy.

To assist in meeting the crisis in export markets, the delegates urged that the Dominion Government seek trade abroad on a "hard currency, soft currency, barter or credit basis". (Resolution reported elsewhere.)

Floor Prices for Farm Products

The meeting also asked the Dominion Government "at once to set floor prices for all principal farm products, such prices to be based on a correct relationship to the price of manufactured goods and services which the farmer has to buy." In support of this recommendation it was set forth that

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Oppose Limitation of Activities and Scope Radio System A.F.A. Upholds C.B.C. Control Broadcasting — Ask Farm Representative on Board

Unanimously expressing its disapproval of the "concerted effort to limit the scope and activities of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation," the Alberta Federation of Agriculture in Annual Meeting pointed out that "the farm organizations have consistently advocated the ownership and control of public resources in the national interest, including the services rendered by the C.B.C."

The previous stand of the Federation (which has been made in common with farm organizations throughout the Dominion and the Canadian Federation of Agriculture) was thus reaffirmed. That stand has been consistently in favor of continued control of broadcasting by the C.B.C.

It was urged that public ownership and control "of all services rendered by the C.B.C., such as radio stations, broadcasting, television, etc.," continue, "in order that information be disseminated free from interference by advertisers or the Government."

The meeting further reaffirmed its previous request "for representatives on the Board of Governors of the C.B.C., these to be appointed in consultation with and approved by farm organizations."

the prices of most farm products are out of line with the prices of the things the farmer has to buy.

F.U.A. Representation on Board

At the last Annual Meeting of the A.F.A., held before the merging of the U.F.A.'s primary educational activities and those of the A.F.U. in the new organization (the Farmers' Union of Alberta), the constitution of the Federation was amended to provide that the U.F.A., the A.F.U. and the United Farm Women of Alberta should be entitled to two Directors each. Each of the other classified business divisions (representing grains, dairying, livestock, sheep and wool, poultry, farm supplies, sugar beets and vegetables) is represented by one director. Following amalgamation, the six directors originally appointed by the U.F.A., A.F.U. and U.F.W.A. continued to function on the A.F.A. Board, and, following the first annual convention of the F.U.A. in December, 1949, a similar number were named by the F.U.A. Board.

The subject of future representation

One-Third of World Trade

LONDON, Eng.—The (British) Commonwealth of Nations now handles close to one-third of the world's total trade.

of the F.U.A. on the A.F.A. Board was discussed by the A.F.A. delegates at some length, and the constitution was amended to provide that these six persons should be members of the Board for the current Federation year, and that in future there shall be three Directors from the F.U.A., one of whom shall be a woman.

This decision was finally reached almost unanimously. President Marler suggested the plan, and the amendment to the constitution was moved by Mrs. R. B. Gunn, President of the F.W.U.A.

In the course of the discussion, R. Garneau of Wetaskiwin pointed out that the F.U.A. had as members farmers from all the business groups; and J. L. McIntosh of Dimsdale suggested that the F.U.A., as a direct membership organization, was in a special position, in that its members were interested not in a single business activity of the farmers, but in all or many of them.

—George E. Church of Balzac, who was President of the U.F.A., which merged its activities as a primary organization in the new association, pointed out that during the past year it had been taken for granted, without any specific decision having been reached, that the six directors named before amalgamation would carry on; and it had been natural, therefore, for the F.U.A. to name six Directors after their Convention early in December. He favored Mr. Marler's suggestion that the six should continue for the year, the number subsequently to be three.

Hon. J. E. Brownlee, K.C., pointed out that though during the past year the question of F.U.A. representation on the A.F.A. Board had not actually been dealt with, dues had been paid and business carried on on the basis of acceptance of the six. In law there was such a thing as "de facto" recognition, which had been given in this case. He favored the recognition of the six, the number to be set at three, in the constitution, for the next annual meeting.

National Hog Committees' View

During the course of the meeting Hugh Allen reported on the work of the National Hog Committee set up under the auspices of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture. The committee strongly favored the continuation of a contract with Britain, or in

Much Interest Shown U.F.A. Co-op. Meetings

Generally large attendance and keen interest in the business of United Farmers of Alberta Co-operative featured the annual meetings just completed at 17 U.F.A. Co-op stores.

W. J. Hoppins, Assistant General Manager, accompanied by Douglas Thornton, Educational Director, was chief speaker at the first week's meetings, and Norman F. Priestley, General Manager, addressed the second week's meetings. Excellent discussions developed at most meetings, particularly on the matter of the adoption of a strictly cash policy at U.F.A. Co-op stores. This policy was laid down by the delegates to the recent Annual Meeting, who passed a resolution directing the Board of Directors "at as early a date as possible, to put all U.F.A. Co-op stores on a cash basis".

Cash Basis Favored

Members at the annual meetings felt that adoption of a cash basis of trading was desirable to eliminate much costly bookkeeping and to release "frozen capital" tied up in accounts receivable. At all the meetings dates were set for the conversion to a cash basis, most points favoring February 1st, 1950, and a few setting March 1st. Meetings were held at Three Hills, Drumheller, Morrin, Big Valley, Oyen, Chinook, Youngstown, Camrose, Rimbey, Olds, Medicine Hat, Milo, Strathmore, Veteran, Coronation, Acadia Valley.

The new color film "Harvests on the March" was shown at all these meetings and was greatly enjoyed. Another new film, "What Is a Co-op", was also very well received.

the alternative, the setting up of a marketing board with a uniform selling policy. In view of the high costs of feed, prices should be stabilized through the Agricultural Prices Support Board until all 1949 hogs are marketed, about July next.

A highly informative and encouraging account of the progress of Canadian Co-operative Implements, Ltd., was given by John Brown of Winnipeg, President; and Hon. N. E. Tanner, Minister of Lands and Mines, addressed the meeting on the subject of the Government's oil policy, and answered a number of questions.

Co-operative Farming

During the course of the meeting a special report on co-operative farming in Saskatchewan was presented by R. Garneau, who recently made an extensive investigation into the various farms of this character, including those operated by war veterans. The report was prepared with great thoroughness and ably written. At present some 195 persons are engaged in the operation of co-operative farms in the neighboring Province.

Oppose Export of Gas

"We are strenuously opposed to the export of gas from the Province at this time," reads a resolution adopted by the Convention. The question was declared to be "of vital importance to the farm people," and the opinion was expressed that "the gas exported brings very little benefit to the people of Alberta."

Compensation Re Oil Development

A detailed resolution dealing with compensation to farmers affected by oil development was referred to the Board after considerable discussion, in which all agreed upon the need for positive action. As the situation was "not stagnant" but undergoing change, Ben Plumer said it would "be unwise to lay down hard and fast rules for the Executive." He believed that an arbitration board of three would be preferable to a single member, as at present. Accredited delegates present numbered 67 out of a total of 98. Thirty-five organizations were represented out of a total of 63, and there were 30 visitors.

(Note: In the list of F.U.A. delegates to the A.F.A. published in our last issue, the name "C. T. Armstrong" should have read "Mrs. C. T. Armstrong".)



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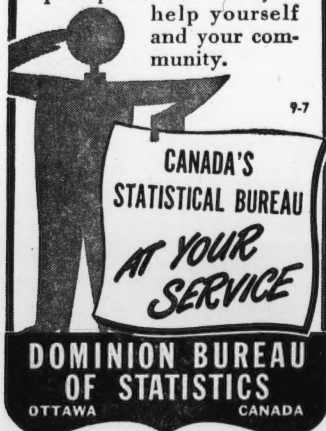
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POST-WAR CHRONICLE

Dec. 15th. — Opposing Truman-backed Brannan plan for direct subsidies on farm products, U.S. Farm Bureau asks for flexible price supports. Famous cartoonist, David Low, leaves Beaverbrook paper, *Evening Standard*, to join staff of Labor's *Daily Herald*. Soviet bloc countries show less rigid attitude at United Nations, Lester B. Pearson tells Ottawa meeting.

Dec. 16th. — U.K. to defer some wheat purchases from Canada, buying bacon instead, announced in Ottawa. ECA gives \$269 millions to west German republic. Nationalist governor of Sikiang goes over to Communists. London power strike reported settled.

Dec. 17th. — Ottawa announces Howe to go to Britain to continue trade negotiations. Soekarno sworn into office as president of new United States of Indonesia.

Dec. 18th. — Ottawa states Canada will not recognize new Chinese government until after Commonwealth conference to be held in Colombo in January.

Dec. 19th. — Salmon and lumber, as well as bacon and cheese, may be purchased by United Kingdom, by deferring further wheat shipments, reported in Ottawa. New coalition government takes office in Australia. New Delhi states Commonwealth countries will recognize Chinese government simultaneously. Britain cuts U.S. oil imports. Ottawa states Unicef has spent \$605,000 for Canadian powdered milk. Plan for standardizing arms and military training by Britain, U.S., Canada, announced; only new equipment and tactics affected at present.

Dec. 20th. — Israeli cabinet meets for first time in Jerusalem, now seat of government. New Australian government to remove tea, butter, gasoline from rationing. Representative Burdick, Republican, says U.S. Congressmen "quite generally" pad payrolls.

Dec. 21st. — London states senior financial officials to meet in Colombo at same time as foreign ministers. During celebration of Stalin's 70th birthday, U.S.S.R. Deputy Prime Minister Malenkov says Communism and

Capitalism can exist in peace, side by side. British Trades Union Congress reaffirms policy of absolute wage freeze until January 1st, 1951. Budapest despatch states Roman Catholic bishops will take oath of allegiance to Hungarian republic.

Dec. 22nd. — U.S. will support milk prices at present rates for next fifteen months. Ethiopia demands right to veto UN proposal making Italy trustee over Somaliland for ten years.

Dec. 23rd. — Ottawa will spend about \$2 millions on subsidizing of bacon for Britain in 1950.

Dec. 24th. — Moscow radio reports U.S.S.R. has indicted twelve Japanese army officers on charges of planning germ warfare during World War II. Pope Pius opens 25th holy year of Roman Catholic church.

Dec. 25th. — British cannot be satisfied, declares King George in Christmas broadcast, "until we are again standing upright and supporting our own weight"; he expresses gratitude for aid from U.S., but urges full effort to the end that Britain might "play the full part that we ought to play in the world."

Dec. 26th. — Cold war will last until year 2000, predicts historian Arnold Toynbee. Britain and Yugoslavia sign trade agreement.



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Yugoslavia declares economic independence of Russia. Hong Kong report states Communists capture Chengtu, last Nationalist capital on mainland of China. U.S.S.R., Communist China, will sign treaty of friendship. Syrian government falls, after one day in office. Egypt warns Iraq and Hashemite Jordan against aggression in Syria. French Government wins vote of confidence, 302 to 299. Einstein enunciates new theory to explain gravitation.

Dec. 27th. — Canada gives full recog-

Killed By Bull



The bravery of his 17-year-old son Paul failed to save the life of Leo W. Thibodeau, farmer, 47, of Malton, Ont. (above), when he was gored and trampled by a 2,700-lb. Holstein bull that attacked him in a pen. Gored and trampled, the farmer was dragged from beneath the hooves of the bull by Paul, who entered the pen, forced the bull back with a pitchfork, and dragged his father out. Paul, himself attacked, held the bull back while he carried his father out with his free hand. Mr. Thibodeau died later.

nition to new state of Indonesia.

Dec. 28th. — Five thousand unemployed in Montreal are in want, charges G. Allard, leader of unemployed council. C.N.R. cuts passenger service, effective January 9th, because of coal shortage. Lillenthal expresses conviction that means will be found eventually for international atomic control, but thinks prospects for early agreement remote.

Dec. 29th. — Hungarian government takes control of foreign-owned industries; charges they are centres of espionage. Part of Palestine occupied by Jordan is amalgamated with Hashemite Jordan, under King Abdullah.

Dec. 30th. — India, Argentina, sign trade agreement. India recognizes new Chinese government.

Jan. 1st. — Indonesia invites foreign capital to develop resources.

Jan. 2nd. — Truman rejects proposal to lease U.S. bases on Formosa; Hoover urges naval action against Chinese Communists. Bidault Government wins three votes of confidence; budget approved. Belief that more than 300,000 now unemployed in Canada expressed by trades union leaders.

Jan. 3rd. — Canadian-U.K. bacon contract announced; reduced quantity, lower price.

Jan. 4th. — Britain's gold and dollar reserves show improvement since devaluation, stated in London.

C.A.D.P. SECTION

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of quitting as long as there are marketing problems still unsolved on these products.

Your Board as well as your Management for some time have had good knowledge of the marketing situation and have been doing everything possible to have set up proper, practical and justifiable marketing conditions. At the moment it doesn't look good for eggs, but as a great deal has been done on the item by ourselves and others, it is possible that our Canadian government very shortly will announce at least some floor price plan from which even improved marketing conditions can be developed.

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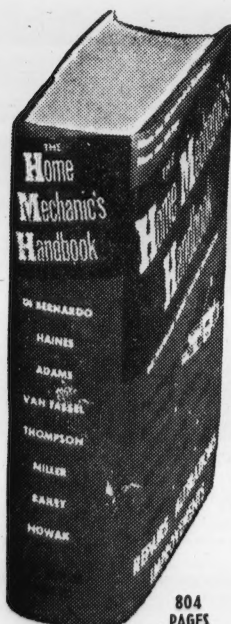
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What Farmers' Union Convention Did

Pressing for action on problems facing primary farming industry in critical period, a substantial number of resolutions passed by the Convention subsequently came before and were adopted by the Annual Meeting of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture. These are now reported in our pages as proceedings of the Federation.

In dealing with proposed constitutional amendment which read that the F.U.A. "shall remain affiliated with the A.F.A., but shall strive for a bona fide National Farmers' Union," struck out all words after "A.F.A."

Adopted various constitutional amendments mainly concerned with detail. Fixed end of membership year as October 31st. "any new memberships received after that date" to be "applied to the previous year. Old members shall be considered in good standing during November and December."

Adopted a resolution declaring that the F.U.A. is "absolutely opposed to Communism and Fascism as ideologies and ways of life," and to "autocracy in any form in any country."

Ruled that all resolutions for the Annual Convention be submitted to Locals thirty days before the date of the Convention.

Ratified the action of the Board, in view of housing shortage in Edmonton, in purchasing a house for the use of the President, for which he pays full rental.

Asked the Dominion Government to set up a seed testing plant in Edmonton.

Recommended that first aid training be part of the required course for teachers.

Asked the Wheat Board to increase the initial price of No. 1 Feed Oats to 71½ cents per bushel and No. 1 Feed Barley to \$1.

Recorded its belief that the Crow's Nest Pass rates should remain under the jurisdiction of the House of Commons, and not controlled by the Transport Commissioners.

Urged that loss to producers on sale of wheat to Great Britain at less than world prices be carried by the nation as a whole, rather than solely by producers.

Proposed that in crop failure areas the Wheat Board arrange for retaining in local elevators of supplies for seed and feed.

Recommended writing down of capitalization of C.N.R., equalization of freight rates on ton-mile basis, with independent operation and fullest possible use of the national system.

Urged revision of the P.F.A.A. to cover hail as well as drought.

Urged the Premier of Alberta to come to an agreement with the Dominion Government regarding allocation of costs of St. Mary-Milk River Irrigation Project, and asked the Provincial Government to proceed immediately with works to utilize the waters which will be stored in the St. Mary Dam.

Recommended that P.F.A.A. payments per acre and maximum payments be increased.

Asked the Provincial Government to use funds collected as penalties on horned cattle solely for the benefit of the cattle industry.

Requested Wheat Board to give the benefits of the shorter haul on wheat shipped westward from Alberta to the shippers concerned.

Urged that final price of wheat in the current five-year pool be not less than \$2, payable immediately after expiration of the pooling period.

Asked for a Provincial agricultural school at Lethbridge to serve the livestock industry, dry land and irrigated areas of the district.

Urged abolition of duty on British cars and trucks.

Asked the Provincial Government to

Export Countries Showed Good Faith Declares Brownlee

Look for Compensation Present Loss International Wheat Agreement

Discussing the International Wheat Agreement in the course of a broadcast New Year's message to farmers, Hon. J. E. Brownlee, K.C., LL.D., President of United Grain Growers, Ltd., pointed out that "the exporting countries, Canada, the United States and Australia, have shown their good faith by selling wheat to the signatory countries during the first year at less than world prices," and declared, "The exporting countries look to the future for benefits which will provide compensation for the present loss."

An Important Benefit

"An annual export outlet for 200 million bushels of wheat is, of course, an important benefit. Another lies in the expectation that the importing countries will buy at least the major portion of their wheat supplies from Canada, the United States and Australia before looking to other sources, such as Argentina, Russia and the Danubian countries. Those countries remained out of the agreement, a fact which may or may not be the cause of subsequent embarrassment and trouble."

Dealing with the effects of devaluation of the British pound, Mr. Brownlee recalled that in 1930, when Britain was forced off the gold standard, immediate and drastic decline in prices to Canadian farmers soon followed. This time a cushion was provided by the fact that wheat and other products had been sold in terms of Canadian dollars, and decline in the value of sterling did not therefore produce any immediate decline in Canadian prices. "Moreover, the Canadian dollar was also devalued, with the result that some prices, especially for export wheat, tended to rise."

Disease in World Economy

Currency devaluation was nevertheless a symptom indicating disease in world economy, and customers abroad could not, for the present, provide themselves with enough dollars to buy all they should and would like to buy from this continent.

Mr. Brownlee discussed the British wheat contract and said that bilateral contracts such as that for wheat, now expiring, were unlikely to be renewed, Canada and the United States relying upon the wider international pact.

Mr. Brownlee said he did not look for any rapid or disastrous decline in prices of farm products in general, though "we would be foolish to disregard entirely the reports of the recent talks in Ottawa between representatives of the Canadian and British Governments, or the drop in the price of eggs and the threatened drop in the price of pork which followed."

Discussing the agricultural conference, Mr. Brownlee said: "I have faith that markets for our products will be found, possibly at somewhat lower levels, if for no other reason than that they must be found. We wish the Ministers of our Government every success in these most important discussions."

Several decisions of the A.F.A. Annual Meeting are held over to our next issue.

ensure that forests, particularly on the eastern slopes of the Rockies, are properly conserved before permitting a pulp mill to be established in the Province.

Favored the International Commodity Clearing House as proposed by the FAO, and expressed willingness to cooperate in any way possible.

Adopted resolutions on various other issues.

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FARM WOMEN'S INTERESTS

Including News of The Farm Women's Union of Alberta

Keener Educational Consciousness Needed

Comox, B.C.

Dear Farm Women:

This is the first winter for some time when I have not been hearing first-hand reports from Alberta conventions of different educational organizations. I trust the workers in them will be able to report they have achieved many of the aims for which they were working and that there seems evidence of increased educational consciousness throughout the Province.

People Must Blame Themselves

If we stop to think, we must realize that the Province has not shown the educational consciousness which a rich, ambitious, young Province should. And if we look about and agree with that, it is no use sitting back and blaming the Government as something remote from ourselves. Rather, the electorate must be blaming themselves, for Education is something under the control of the Provincial Government, a government Alberta elects to carry out the wishes of the people. Governments will realize that they must do that or pay the price.

Where Control Lies

Some may not realize it, but rural education — town and village as well — is, for instance, in a sense under control of the councils, not the trustees. If they ask how this can be, this is the answer. In a great many things in our personal lives, the purse is the answer to whether or not many plans are fulfilled. In the public matter of Education the same thing applies, and it is the Municipal Council which holds the purse strings. If the trustees put in a requisition for a sum of more than ten per cent increase over that of the previous year, the council can turn it down. If the trustees appeal their case, and the matter is taken to higher court as it were, it does not go to the Department of Education which has made a study of educational needs, it goes instead to the decision of one man, and that one man is the Deputy Minister of Municipalities. Does that seem a wise program to have adopted? Does it sound like the work of a Government alert to educational needs? And that ruling, it must be noted, was adopted by the present Government at the dying end of a session.

Capital Investment

There are many other comparisons to make and some, I hope, to the advantage of Alberta. But another one which surely can not reflect pride on that Provincial Government — otherwise the people of Alberta — is the matter of capital investment for school buildings.

In this Province of British Columbia, for instance, the Provincial Government pays fifty per cent of capital grant for school buildings. In Alberta that is not the case, although the trustees have continually asked for it. It is left to the respective administrative school boards to find ways and means of raising the funds.

Yet, as I say, these matters are under the respective control of British Columbia and Alberta Governments — otherwise the electors of the two provinces. It would seem that the Alberta electorate might well be taking more interest in the different problems under their control.

Yours sincerely,
H. ZELLA SPENCER.

Miss C. Judson gave a demonstration on interior decorating at a recent meeting of Stony Plain F.W.U.A., and later plans were made for a Christmas party for the children to be held at the school.

In our last issue features of the F.W.U.A. Convention were dealt with extensively. We regret that we were unable to present to our readers Mrs. Spencer's regular letter.

FARM HOME & GARDEN

For Cold Washdays: Put your clothespins in the warming oven before starting to wash, and they'll be warm to the fingers when you're ready to hang out. If possible, rinse in hot water the articles to be hung outdoors. For bringing in, a pair of white wool gloves, frequently laundered, are extremely useful.

Modelling Clay to entertain the pre-schoolers and forestall the cry, "Mama, what will I do now?" Knead 1 cup flour, half a cup of salt, 3 tsp. alum, with enough water to hold them together. Divide and color with vegetable coloring. When not in use wrap in waxed paper or cellophane.

Mince-meat Bread: Cream $\frac{1}{4}$ cup shortening with $\frac{1}{2}$ cup brown sugar, add 2 beaten eggs and 1 cup moist mince-meat. Sift $2\frac{1}{2}$ cups flour with 3 tsp. baking powder and $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt, and add to first mixture alternately with $\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk. Bake in loaf pan in a moderate oven, about one hour.

Braised Ox Tails: Separate ox tails at joints, wash in cold water, wipe with cloth and roll in seasoned flour. Brown quickly in hot fat. Put in baking dish 1 cup each diced celery and carrots, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup diced turnip, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sliced onion. Place browned ox tails on top of vegetables, season, and add sufficient boiling water to cover. Cover, and cook in moderate oven for three hours. Thicken gravy before serving.

Apricot Shortcake: Cook and sweeten dried apricots and mash to pulp. Make batter of 3 cups self-raising flour, 3 tbs. shortening, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar, a pinch of salt and enough milk to make a soft dough. Roll out, and bake in moderate oven. When cool, slice and spread one half with the apricots; place the other half on top and top with sweetened whipped cream.

Tuna-fish Casserole: Cook $\frac{1}{2}$ package of noodles. Break up 1 tin tuna fish, mix with noodles and 1 can cream of mushroom soup; cover with buttered crumbs and bake in hot oven for 15 minutes. (Other cooked fish or cold meat can be substituted for the tuna fish.)

The Common Cup, like the common towel, is a potential disease spreader, and should be banished.

NEW COTTON FABRIC

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Executive of F.W.U.A. Greets All Farm Women

**"Year of Progress in Co-operative Way of Life" Aim for 1950
Increased Membership Urged**

IN a message to all members and friends, extending season's greetings and the hope that 1950 "will be a year of prosperity and progress in the co-operative way of life," the Executive of the Farm Women's Union of Alberta especially urges that the year be one of "increased membership."

"Our year's program," states the message, which is signed by the President and Vice-Presidents, Susan Gunn, Vera Lowe, Ellen Armstrong, "is worthy of the support of all farm people, and we would request that all Locals try to increase membership and where possible that new Locals be organized."

"Your district officials," state the Executive, "will be glad to help you in any way to organize and increase membership. The fee of \$2.50 is small in comparison with the amount of information brought to members, as well as being used to insure our livelihood against the exploitation of others."

Discussing the Annual Convention recently concluded, the Executive write:

Mental Health

"We feel a sense of pride that our delegates and friends were privileged to hear Dr. Clarence Hincks, Director National Committee for Mental Hygiene. He addressed the Convention on the subject 'Mental Health', and from his very interesting talk we learned of the great need for a clearer understanding on the subject of Mental Hygiene. We had already decided to work for Mental Health as our project for 1950, and after Dr. Hincks had explained how we could be of service in this field, the Convention pledged its support to a Mental Health Program. An outline of this program will be sent to each Local as soon as possible, and our Convener of Health will give special attention to this very interesting subject."

"For those who would like to read, and those who do read, we are trying to urge our members and friends to read the kind of books which leave us with a deeper sense of well-being in our relationships with others and a feeling of moral responsibility. In other words, let us read a book with a good moral, or one that opens greater avenues of understanding on a constructive basis. Perhaps some of you have access to a good library; if not you could avail yourselves of good reading material from your travelling libraries. Some Locals have their own small libraries and have book reviews, and encourage the reading of thought-provoking books."

Regional Libraries

"During the sittings of the Royal Commission on the Arts and Sciences, a brief was submitted by the Alberta Library Association. It suggested the establishment of Regional Libraries to benefit the rural population, and Federal aid for such libraries. Four other Provinces have these libraries, and they are successful. They work on the same principle as a city library, one Central and many smaller ones placed to give service. The rural library would be locally managed and on a co-operative basis. We are investigating this service further, but it depends greatly on the interest of the rural people whether it would be worthwhile to continue along these lines."

Adult Education

"So much has been said about Juvenile Delinquency and so little about Adult Education, yet both age groups could derive so much good with education of the right type. It is easy to criticize others, yet we may be the real offenders ourselves, and if we were more careful, and instead of offering criticism we gave an impression of wanting to be helpful, whether they be Juveniles or Adults, then we truly would have the key to the co-operative way of life."

"Our Mental Health Program, also

Regional Libraries, would offer much food for thought along the lines of Adult Education. Besides good books, we have many good radio programs such as National Farm Forum, etc.

Appreciation of Miss Birch

"Since amalgamation, the Women's Section have been very fortunate in having the services of Miss Eileen Birch, through the courtesy of the U.F.A. Co-operative at no expense to the Farmers' Union of Alberta. The ability and loyalty of Miss Birch has been a great source of strength to all of us, and we greatly appreciate all the help so generously given."

"In conclusion,

"Let us tread the Highway of Life together."

"Be strong. We are not here to play, to dream, or to drift."

"We have hard work to do, and loads to lift."

"Shun not the struggle, face it!"

"Tis God's Gift."

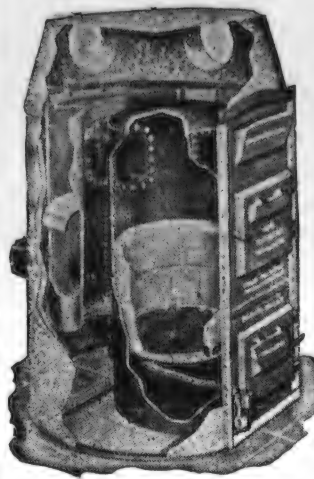
News of Women's Locals

No fewer than 54 women and 25 children attended the Christmas meeting of Conrich F.W.U.A., at the home of Mrs. Giles. Singing of carols was followed by a reading by Mrs. McLaughlin. Presentation of Big Sister gifts was most enjoyable, the children being particularly delighted; and the afternoon concluded with a grand lunch. "We start the New Year with

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Members of Craigmyle F.W.U.A. all worked hard to make a real success of the tea and bazaar, clearing \$150, writes Miss Gwen Golds, the secretary. Profit from serving lunch at the amateur program was \$10.50. Donations were made to a number of worthy causes.

Eighteen members paid an initial fee of \$1 at a recent meeting, writes Mrs. K. T. Ferguson, secretary, and made plans for a dance and pie social to raise the rest of the \$2.50 fee. Plans were made, too, for collecting good used clothing at the January meeting, to be sent to Europe.

Gifts were exchanged at the recent meeting of Innisfree F.W.U.A. Convention delegates gave reports, members receiving valuable information from them, writes Mrs. Elsie Napora, secretary; reading of the bulletin was followed by a brief but very interesting discussion. It was reported that \$90.53 was cleared by the chicken supper and dance held earlier.

Reports by Convention delegates were given to a recent joint meeting of Westlock F.W.U.A. and F.U.A., held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Beach. Other speakers were Mrs. D. C. Smith and C. Glen. "We thought having started out in April with no bank account and handling some \$660 before the year was out was quite an achievement for eighteen members," writes Mrs. L. A. Sterling, retiring secretary. This little band of energetic women catered to four local weddings, showered two brides, served meals at

the Legion Sports Day, took part in handicrafts at local Fair and conference, sent two delegates to district convention, and one to the Provincial convention. They presented the Community Hall with 500 pieces of glassware for use at banquets; remembered the sick and the bereaved with flowers.

The year's activities of Jolly Time F.W.U.A., De Winton, as reviewed by the secretary, Mrs. Nan Hyde, lists the (Continued on Page 14)

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World Wheat Situation

By **LEONARD D. NESBITT**,
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On December 1st, 1949, Canadian wheat supplies available for export or carryover totalled 228.9 million bushels as compared with 263.6 million on the same date in the previous year. The carryover of Canadian wheat last July 31st totalled 98.7 million bushels. If a smaller volume of wheat is carried over at the end of the present crop year, exports of 130.2 million would have to be made before July 31st, 1950.

With the demand pressure for imported wheat lessening and with the possibility of looming surpluses, it might be a good idea to cut Canada's carryover down to 75 million bushels, which would require exports of 153.9 million.

U.S. Winter Wheat

The United States winter wheat acreage was cut by 15 per cent, but the crop went into the winter in excellent shape and production for 1950 is estimated at 885 million bushels, or about 2 per cent less than the 902 million bushels produced in 1949. Moreover, it is still nearly 22 per cent above the average of 727 million bushels for the ten years, 1938-47.

Australia's wheat crop harvested last month, is placed at 203 million bushels, over 13 million bushels larger than last year, and well above the 1935-39 average of 170 million bushels. The wheat outturn in Argentina is placed at 210 million bushels, which is 19 million bushels larger than last year but 24 million bushels under the prewar average.

Western Canada's prospects for the 1950 wheat crop are not too good. The past autumn was exceptionally dry, so there will be little reserve moisture for the new crop which will have to

Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Jan. 4th—Hogs are sharply lower, selling yesterday at \$23.75 for A Grade, sows \$12.50 liveweight. Trade is none too brisk on butcher steers and heifers, with weak undertone. Good butcher steers are \$20 to \$21, common to medium \$17 to \$19.50; good butcher heifers \$18 to \$19, down to \$16 for common; good cows \$13.50 to \$14, down to \$12; canners and cutters \$9 to \$11.50; good veal calves \$18 to \$19, down to \$14 for common; good stocker and feeder steers \$17 to \$18.50, down to \$15 for common. No sheep market established this week to date.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, Jan. 2nd—With light receipts this market held an even tone all last week. Very few offerings have been brandable quality. Good to choice steers \$19.50 to \$21.50; practical top on butcher heifers \$19; good butcher cows \$13 to \$13.50; heavyweight fleshy bologna bulls topping at \$15.50. Export demand for stockers and feeders continues light and is adversely affecting the local values; medium to good feeder steers \$16 to \$17. Hogs were sharply lower in anticipation of the new bacon contract. The week closed at \$26.25 for Grade A for shipment.

The Dairy Market

Dairy prices continue unchanged, with butterfat locally at 62 cents for Special, 60 cents for No. 1, 44 for No. 2 and 39 for off grade. First grade prints are 61, second grade 58 and third grade 52. Vancouver quotes 59% for solids.

depend upon spring rains. The weather is the most uncertain factor in Western Canada and rainfall may be abundant next spring.

The suggestion that the 140 million bushel allotment for Great Britain under the Canadian-United Kingdom wheat agreement be reduced by 15 million bushels was not received very well in the Prairie Provinces. The idea was that the money for same be diverted to the purchase of bacon, cheese, lumber and salmon. W. J. Parker, head of Manitoba Pool Elevators, protested such action. Ben S. Plumer, chairman of the Alberta Wheat Pool Board of Directors, also was critical of the suggestion, and asked that full information be given as to the effect of such a move on prices and carryover before definite action is taken. With the prospect of wheat surpluses developing throughout the world together with a lowering of prices, the wheat producers' interests in the wheat agreement should not be disturbed.

OTTAWA CONFERENCE

(Continued from Page 5)

Shrewd Observers From Other Lands

Agricultural attaches of the American, Netherlands and Belgian Embassies in Canada made valuable contributions to the Conference proceedings, opening the window on the farming problems of their own lands. They gave the impression of being shrewd observers of farming methods in vogue in Canada and of being anxious to give and receive information that might be valuable. Neither they nor anyone else at the Conference professed to be prophets of what the future had in store. They shared, however, in the qualified optimism, quite qualified perhaps in the case of prices, but there was no suggestion of undue pessimism at the Conference.

It was made quite clear by Mr. Gardiner that the Dominion Government must divest itself of its role in the wartime of guiding production. Simply as a suggestion, Gardiner thought that in the Prairie Provinces, the land might be sown one-third in wheat, one-third in coarse grains with one-third fallow. The United States had cut down its wheat acreage by about ten per cent in the Middle West, and the pattern followed is to form a barrier against the "dust bowl". Gardiner's idea has the same aim.

A Question for Speculation

The time is coming when the Government goes out of marketing, but

Valuable Qualities of Brahma Cattle

Have Proved Adaptable to Cold Climates, Says Hargrave

Originally brought from India to this continent because of their ability to bear heat and their resistance to tick fever, Brahma cattle had proved adaptable to cold climates and to have other valuable qualities, said Harry J. Hargrave, addressing a recent meeting of the Calgary and district branch of the Agricultural Institute of Canada. Mr. Hargrave heads the animal husbandry section of the Lethbridge Experimental Station, and has recently made some studies of beef cattle breeding in the United States.

Crossbreds Heavier

Brahma crossbreds, said Mr. Hargrave, wean at heavier weights and weigh heavier at marketing time. They have humps, but the hump consists of delicate meat. They sweat like horses, and can move their hides like horses, and are thus not much bothered by flies. They travel far from water in grazing; they are quiet, and have a high dressing percentage.

In the Western States remarkable results have been accomplished in cross-breeding beef type Brahma cattle with British breeds, and in breeding and cross-breeding the Charollais from France. Referring to catalo breeding in Alberta, Mr. Hargrave said this project may have valuable results, and is being transferred from Wainwright to Manyberries. Progeny testing experimental work, which has been initiated in Canada, he said, "gives more hope of breed improvement than any other kind of effort."

On suggestion of a letter from J. R. McFall (in Edmonton for the A.F.A. Convention), a news editor was appointed — Ramsay Bellingham being chosen. President John Keay was in the chair. Secretary is Ed Patching.

how it is going to do that entirely while the sterling-dollar crisis is on is a matter of speculation. The Government is in the agricultural business with its agricultural support law and other measures. Whether the burden of selling is slowly or rapidly moved from the shoulders of the Government to the farmers and their organizations, it is certain that the Conferences are going to continue to give some measure of direction. Of course, no farmer can be made to do anything he doesn't want to do, but he can gain valuable guidance from the meeting of minds of delegates from all parts of the Dominion who quite evidently possess a genuine interest in Canadian agriculture as a whole.

Past Seasons and Future

Individual catastrophes and climatic disasters marked the past season, remarks Dr. F. J. Greaney, in a year-end bulletin of Line Elevators' Farm Service. Not every farmer nor every community reaped a satisfactory harvest; the drought of 1949 was of no little concern. Still, throughout the Prairie Provinces, there is a general atmosphere of prosperity, says Dr. Greaney, stressing as an important point the fact that farmers of this country "still possess complete faith in their ability to produce food abundantly to feed a hungry world." For the future, "let us not be too concerned that life will be too abundant, that we and others in the world will have too much good food, too many clothes, too much leisure. Rather, let us give thought to feeding, clothing and sheltering ourselves and our neighbors better, putting farm products to further uses in industry, trading willingly and freely so that the food we produce will reach the people who need it. Above all, let us resolve to take better care of our soil. To these ends," concludes Dr. Greaney, "this Department will do its best to make a contribution."

Makes Strong Appeal to Farm Young People

A strong appeal to young farm people to give their support to the Junior F.U.A. and to take advantage of the opportunities it offers was made by Edward Ness, Junior President, in his report to the recent Annual Convention.

Value of Training

Mr. Ness stressed the value of the training offered in Junior Locals. Today's young people must in time take over many responsibilities in various public activities, and should prepare themselves to carry on such work efficiently when the need arose.

More immediate advantages were offered too, socially and educationally. Mr. Ness suggested some projects for study in Junior Locals — Planning the Farmstead, Community Welfare Is My Business, Soil Conservation, Co-operation, in addition to such topics as rural plumbing, rural electrification, farm accounting.

Highlight of Year

Highlight of Junior activities during the past year, said Mr. Ness, was Farm Young People's Week in Edmonton. About 200 had been in attendance; the young people were of an average age of about 21, and were of the highest calibre. There was keen competition in all the contests. A large number had taken part in the public speaking contest, the winner being a young lady who had had considerable training in the Junior organization.

Mr. Ness referred to last year's amalgamation as the culmination of years of effort, and to the responsibility of all members to see that it made good progress. "I believe that the farmer now has a greater say in policies affecting agriculture than ever before, through his farm organizations."

The A.F.A., in making demands, spoke for some fifty affiliated organizations, and the Canadian Federation of Agriculture spoke with one voice for Canadian agriculture and was a member of the international organization. "Only by being strong and united, and speaking through one organization, can the farmer ever expect to receive a fair share of the national income."

In conclusion, Mr. Ness quoted a verse appropriate for this time: "There is a destiny that makes us brothers,

None goes his way alone.
All that we send into the lives of others

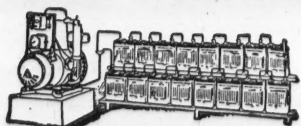
Comes back into our own."

Against Sprinkler System if Gravity Method Is Possible

Sprinkler irrigation is not advisable where gravity irrigation can be developed, states H. C. Korven of the Swift Current Dominion Experimental Station, where intensive testing was carried on for a year.

The first post-war revival of the Smithfield Fatstock Show was held in London December 5th to 9th.

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LONDON, Eng. — Harpoons, axes, scrapers and ornaments, in a remarkable state of preservation, were recently unearthed in Britain, in what is believed to be the richest mesolithic site in northwest Europe. It sheds light on that period of the Stone Age when Britain first became separated from Europe, about ten thousand years ago.

Correspondence

BULWER LYTTON — NOT BYRON

New Westminster, B.C.,

Editor, *The Western Farm Leader*:

May I, at this distance, criticize your Christmas Page story, page 14, Dec. 2nd issue?

In "Christmas Fare in Fancy Street", by Rowland Grey, the author quotes a few lines of poetry about cooks.

This quotation is from "Lucille" by Bulwer Lytton, and not from Byron, as the writer states.

You remember how "Lucille" starts off—

"We may live without Poetry, Music and Art,

We may live without conscience and live without heart—

We may live without friends; we may live without Books,

But civilized man cannot live without Cooks."

I read every line in *The Western Farm Leader* and greatly enjoy it. Congratulations to both on the fine make-up of the paper.

I know you will not mind my criticism.

In another month I will be 80 years of age. Shake!

Best Wishes for 1950 to you Both and All,

Sincerely your friend,

BERT HUFFMAN.

(A correction or a criticism from Bert Huffman is a compliment. Thanks, Bert, and may you live beyond a hundred.—Ed.)

EDMONTON - SUPERIOR PIPE LINE

Editor,

The Western Farm Leader.

I note an item in the news columns saying that "Alberta's oil fields in the first 10 months of 1949 almost doubled the production at the same period last year and trebled output in the first 10 months of 1947. Production for the period January-October, 1949, amounted to 16,732,421 barrels" (CP).

The direction is certainly forward? However, there is a question in this reader's mind, because my reading gives me the distinct impression that we are still very much at the beginning of this "black gold" stream. My understanding is that the capacity annual flow through the proposed Edmonton - Superior, Wis., pipe line will be in the vicinity of 40 million barrels. As I am led to believe that the oil production of the West will likely double within the next two or three years — and again double by 1956 — that solitary 18-inch pipe line should soon be unable to contain the flow. What then and how, Mr. Editor?

W.P.D.

OTTAWA LETTER (from Page 1) of the cheese sale to Britain is likely to be considerably higher than the contract figure for 1949. The price, however, will be lower.

A cardinal principle which faces the Canadian exporter is the time honored one that in a competitive market, with the quality of product equal, you must meet the price of the competing product if you want to do business. The



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chances seem to be that competition in the coming year will be more rather than less keen.

Even with the devaluation of ten per cent in the Canadian dollar in relation to the U.S. dollar, sterling has remained at a discount of 20 per cent in relation to Canadian currency. This means of course that the other countries of the sterling area which devalued their currency in the same rate as the British pound have the advantage over the Canadian exporter. They can receive the same price in pounds sterling for their goods sold in Britain and be no worse off than before devaluation except to the extent that there may have been an increase in costs of production through inflation caused by devaluation.

Denmark and Holland in Picture

This situation applies both to cheese and bacon, and brings up at once the name of Denmark, the Netherlands and other European countries. The actual terms of the bacon contract have not been made public, but where Britain was paying 36 cents a pound for bacon in 1949, and this was the amount paid to Canadian shippers, the amount paid by the Canadian Government during 1950 for the 55 to 60 million pounds will be 32½ cents.

This does not mean that the British Government will pay 32½ cents. A subsidy of 2½ or 3 cents (the exact amount uncertain) will be paid by the Canadian Government. That appears to be just about a certainty. Of course there is the general trend towards some easing in prices, or at least the possibility of it is in the air, but the decline may be pretty well accounted for through the differential in the value of the dollar and sterling. Very naturally the Canadian farmer must keep a foothold in the British bacon market. The Canadian farmer has perfected the quality of the bacon produced for the British market, and this knowledge cannot be allowed to lapse, as it unquestionably will if little or no bacon is shipped to Britain, and Canada should find a temporary market, if embargoes are lifted for a time, in the United States, and Canadian hogs come into competition with the

corn-fed fat hogs across the border.

Don't Want "Know How" to Lapse

The Canadian Government is determined that if it is at all possible the "know how" of the Canadian farmer in relation to Wiltshire sides will not lapse. It will again come into its own when the currency pressure is relieved, whenever that may be.

Comparisons are being made of this year's small contract with last year and the year before. It is small, but it is a foothold, and it is wrong to take last year's contract figure of 160 million pounds, because we are not filling it even if heavy shipments towards the close of the year enable us to get as much as we can under the 36 cent figure. Up to September only 70 million pounds were shipped, and when the final figures for the year are in they're not likely to be much if at all over 90 million. Likewise the 1948 contract was not completely filled by quite a margin.

Were Willing to Take All

It is not that the British were not pleased that these contracts were not filled. They were, because it meant the saving of dollars, but the point is that they were willing to take the bacon up to the contract and we in Canada did not fill the contracts.

The farmers of Canada as well as other producers want to increase our sales to the United States. Canada has its dollar trouble, and in recent months the gap between imports and exports with the U.S. seems to be narrowing, which is all to the good, but certainly it is important to keep our British exports as a sheet anchor in our economy. In the long run it is a more secure market.

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British co-operators are urged by the Co-operative Review, official organ of the Co-operative Union, to work for the return of another Labor Government in the forthcoming general election.

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By SYDNEY MAY

Hello, Folks!

Well, the New Year has started, so do your Christmas swapping early.

We understand from Wilf Bennett, who with the aid of "The Lantern" lets a little light into the columns of the Province, that Vancouverites have at last got rid of that Japanese feeling they had during the war.

Speaking of New Year's resolutions, L'il Goldilocks, our office vamp, tells us that in spite of the glowing advertisements appearing in the magazines, she is resolved not to drink any of the wines and liquors not stocked by the Alberta Liquor Control Board.

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Myself I'll sever,
Though like the brook
They run for ever.

Believe it or not, folks, but the Manhattan telephone directory lists a gent living at No. 2 Mott Street named Holi Gee. Judas Priest! Omigosh!

We've now arrived at nineteen fifty.
And it, of course, is new and nifty.
The old year passed sans much comment.
But who can tell us where it went?

O.K. by us, J.L.T., if you must know, the name of L'il Goldilocks, our office vamp, is Barbara, but we call her Barbara for short. Maybe you can guess why!

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LOOKING FORWARD ON JANUARY 1
Summer is icumen in,
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About ten months from now.

Truck Driver's Lariat Catches 40-Pound Fish — headline in the Calgary Herald over a Montreal story. Naturally, that couldn't happen out West, where men are men and only cowboys use lariats.

Frank F. Gannett, U.S. newspaper publisher, declares that newspapers are "the poor man's university." If so, in Canada it's about time they added a course in English to their curricula.

We see by the papers that a lot of killjoys are worried over whether Princess Elizabeth smokes; or perhaps the poor dears just want to send Her Royal Highness a cigarette lighter that really works.

Oh, yes, and some folks got all hot and bothered because a drop or two of rum was used in Bonnie Prince Charlie's birthday cake. Seems to this column that Charlie's the guy to do the kicking because it was not a drop of the real Highland Dew.

In a novel about the Hebrides, just published overseas, the author says: "Soap and water ... have never found much favor in these parts. Such a

thing as a hot bath — one of life's great solaces — is looked upon by nearly all the inhabitants as a piece of nonsense, wholly unnecessary ... Ah well, that writer need not worry about going short of "one of life's great solaces". He's already got himself into more hot water than he can manage.

What he probably meant to say was that the people of the Hebrides are too cultured to need the stimulation of Soap Operas.

ODEKKA'S PRAYER
(A Legend)

Once long ago an Indian maid was praying
To Elva, mystic goddess of the sky:
The moon, a silver sphere up in the heavens
Was casting eerie shadows on the lake.
The tranquil waters soon surged forth in splendor,
Leaving a bowl-like hollow in their midst.
There, in a jewelled basket on the bottom,
A small one lay with skin a gleaming white.
Above the sleeping babe a dark mist hovered,
And fell — the vision passed away.
The waters calmed and all the sky grew quiet,
All peaceful in the wan mysterious light.
Odekka rose and made a bow to heaven;
Elva had granted her the joy she craved.
Ultimately she gazed into the waters
And leaped — for she had prayed for death.
—Sophie Kravchenko, Kavanagh.

News item states that Miss Maude Green of Canton, Ill., following an operation, has just had her jaws unlocked after being unable to speak for 20 years. Gee! What a handicap for a woman!

And now she can talk, says Wally, our incurable bach., how fortunate she isn't married.

CALL A COP! CALL A COPI
At Guelph, Ont., Provincial police constable Guy Bernardo of Mount Forest was fined \$20 for assaulting his wife Doris. Evidently Bernardo wasn't a good Guy.

We understand that a large plant is now in operation in England producing that ancient beverage "Mead", but that they are short of honey. Our Alberta apiarists had better get as busy as their bees.

And that reminds us that it is said that it would take one bee 64 years to make one pound of honey. Yep, and by that time the poor thing would probably discover that the price had dropped.

Personally we shall have to wait and see, as our bees are only 63 years old.

London dispatch says that police-women have proved themselves as competent as men. Why not? Even

New Zealand's Paul Robeson



Son of a well-known and highly respected Maori family, Inia To Wiata (above), a Maori bass singer broadcasting on the British Broadcasting Corporation's Television Service, has been called New Zealand's Paul Robeson. He is studying at the Royal College of Music in London on a scholarship and hopes to sing in grand opera.

Federation Endorses
F.W.U.A. Resolutions
on Various Matters

Of the various resolutions on important questions of public policy adopted by the Alberta Federation of Agriculture in annual meeting, a number had originated in the Annual Convention of the Farm Women's Union of Alberta or through other action of the women's organization. Among them were resolutions:

Offering full support in the carrying out of the mental health program laid down by the National Committee for Mental Hygiene.

Asking that the waiting period which must pass before a deserted wife becomes eligible for assistance under the Alberta Mothers' Allowance Act be reduced from three years to one.

Congratulating the winners of the Master Farm Family Competition, and the Alberta Government "on their foresight in sponsoring this competition."

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sending of fifty cards to the sick; catering to a sale; holding a rummage sale, a Gladiolus Tea, an Old Timers' Sunday and Luncheon, a Turkey Shoot and a Christmas party; sending a delegate to Farm Young People's Week at the University, and sending representatives to three Conventions. Other community activities included the supplying of a piano bench to the school, and holding of pot-luck suppers and social evenings in the school; purchase of an organ and hymn books for the church.

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New Zealand Gets Alberta Bull — Headline in the Prairie Farmer. Gosh, some of our politicians must be down there giving speeches.

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